

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 11 and 13 are amended. Claims 9, 10, 17, and 18 are canceled. Upon entry of the amendment claims 1-8, 11-16 and 19 are presented for reconsideration by the Examiner.

Claims 3 and 13 are amended to obviate any 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections properly raised by the Examiner. The Trademark VITON has been removed from claims 3 and 13. Buna N (nitrile) Rubber and fluorosilicone are well-known, well-established terms of art. See the attached pages from Chambers's Technical Dictionary for identification of Buna N (nitrile) Rubber. Applicant believes the amendments to claims 3 and 13 obviate the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections of those claims made by the Examiner.

Claims 1-5, 8, 11-14, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,525,226 to Brown et al (hereinafter Brown). Independent claims 1 and 11 are amended to recite in pertinent part as follows:

**Claim 1 recites in pertinent part as follows:**

cartridge seal means for sealing said cartridge to a conduit received through said axial opening in said upper surface; and  
wherein said cartridge seal means and said elastomeric spring comprise a unitary molded component.

**Claim 11 recites in pertinent part as follows:**

cartridge seal means at said axial opening for sealing said cartridge to a conduit received therethrough; and  
wherein said cartridge seal means and said spring comprise a unitary molded component...

Brown does not disclose, teach or suggest that the elastomeric spring should be a unitary molded component including "cartridge seal means for sealing said cartridge to a conduit received through said axial opening in said upper surface" (Claim 1). Brown does not disclose, teach or suggest that the spring comprise a unitary molded component including "cartridge seal means at said axial opening for sealing said cartridge to a conduit received therethrough" (Claim 11).

Claims 1 and 11 are patentable over the disclosures of Brown for at least these reasons.

Claims 2-8 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are patentable for at least the reasons stated in support of claim 1.

Claims 12-16 and 19 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 11 and are patentable for at least the reasons stated in support of claim 11.

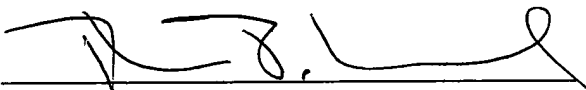
**Terminal Disclaimer Enclosed**

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer. The assignee of record disclaims any term of a patent issuing on this application that would extend beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,364,121. The Terminal Disclaimer obviates the obviousness type double patenting rejection of claims 1-19.

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-8, 11-16 and 19.

Respectfully submitted,

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